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## "WILD CAT" WAS NOT THERE

### Sheriff Coppinger Promptly Follows Up Wild Re- port.

Sheriff Coppinger was here yesterday.

He was interviewing the voters in the interest of his race for re-election.

"Of a News reporter he asked: 'How's my race?'"

Just to sort of put him on his mettle the News man said:

"Sheriff, it looks a little bad."

The sheriff promptly came back with the question:

"Why?"

"Well, sheriff, they say you won't go after moonshiners, and are not for law enforcement."

"What," exclaimed the sheriff, his eyes almost popping from his head in his excitement, "just tell me where there is one?"

"Well, sheriff," said the reporter, "there is common report that there is a still located just below the bluff of Well's Point."

"Well, we'll get it. Who told you?"

The News man gave his sources of information, and the sheriff started out immediately to get in touch with the situation.

He also invited the reporter to go along—to report the proceedings, we presume—but the sheriff said he merely wanted him as a witness that neither he nor his deputy drank any of the liquor that might be found.

The first and principal alleged source of information was A. L. McCullough, a highly respected farmer, living south of town, whom the report made out to have passed thru the location of a still in that vicinity recently. Mr. McCullough said this was an error, as he had not seen any still. He had heard a report of one near the section mentioned but had heard from other parties that it was an error, and the reported site of a still was merely a hog pen just below the bluff, near water, but there two years ago, near the Johnson Gap Road.

So a pretty story was spoiled in the making, and there was no excitement.

The News man had had visions of helping lug in a mammoth still and overturning a 100 gallons of mash, but there nothing doing.

If anybody believes Sheriff Coppinger won't go after a still just go up to him like a man and tell him about it, and see if he won't get busy at once. He was like a war horse yesterday.

He says he has walked many a mile in futile quests for stills and only a few have been found, one of them according to Depu-

ty Ferguson, being hardly a still but a number of barrels connected together by iron pipes the steam being generated by pouring water into the pipes, the process being known as the "thumping" process of whiskey manufacture among moonshiners.

### NEW CANDIDATE FOR TAX ASSESSOR

U. G. B. Ferguson, of Jasper, was here Tuesday. He is candidate for tax assessor of Marion, subject to the will of the people.

Mr. Ferguson is spoken of highly in this community as a candidate and will receive a strong vote here in the election. He is one of the hardworking citizens of Marion, and as he says "struggled for 36 years on his little home place near Jasper for a living."

He asks the support of his friends to give him a lift and promises an honest assessment of taxes and courteous treatment.

The South Pittsburg Hustler of last week, contained the following regarding his candidacy:

"U. G. B. Ferguson, a life-long resident of Marion county, and widely known, is the latest entry in the race for county tax assessor."

"Mr. Ferguson was born and raised in Marion county, and has a large number of friends here who have pledged him their support in his race. He has never held county office. Left fatherless at the age of 15 years, he has been the only support of his mother and sister up to the time of the former's death; he is known and recognized as a hard working, honest citizen, has a family to support, and is regarded as being in every way deserving of the honor which he now seeks at the hands of the voters."

"Mr. Ferguson is widely connected in Marion county, being a son of the late B. W. Ferguson; his mother before her marriage was Nancy Pryor, a daughter of Matthew Pryor, one of the pioneer settlers of Sequatchie valley, and a progenitor of many of the county's best citizenry."

**Lost Nearly All of Hand.**

While at work at the Ferguson and Collier saw mill near Aptown last Saturday Arthur Johnson had the misfortune to lose almost his entire right hand. He was in the dust pit under the saw at the mill to clean away some of the dust which had accumulated there when some way his hand came in contact with the saw which had just started running. His thumb and first two fingers of his right hand were cut smooth and the ring finger was badly lacerated. His wounds were dressed by Dr. I. Barnes and he is doing as well as could be expected. —Pikeville Banner.

**Illness in Family.**

R. W. McReynolds, election commissioner, of So. Pittsburg, in writing us says that he has had a great deal of sickness in his family, his wife being sick and his 6-year-old son being operated on for appendicitis July 15. He will be a candidate for Floater from this district, and will have a letter for publication next week.

## Won by a Scratch

They met by chance upon the stair;  
The guests arose with anxious mien  
And tiptoed forward toward the pair  
Expectant of a stormy scene.

No one could think what had been done  
To cause the strain between the two;  
Both had admirers; every one  
Would feel relief when it was through.

She, small, endowed with youthful grace,  
Fur-wrapped and ready for the street,  
Blue of eye and sweet of face,  
Poised herself on dainty feet.

But why could not he let her go?  
The brute! With feet set wide apart  
He held his ground, nor seemed to show  
Symptom of a pulsing heart.

Aha! The crisis has been passed--  
She's free to go where e'er she may;  
He, trembling, unprepared at last  
To stop her flight or say her nay.

He raised a foot to scratch his ear,  
And opportunity came up  
To cause a smile and check a tear,  
(And free the kitten from the pup!)

### FINE ATTRACTIONS AT STATE FAIR

The best line of Circus Acts that will be free to the public have been engaged for the Tennessee State Fair for this season.

First the star attraction will be Lieut. Ormer Locklear and his flying circus, which has been engaged for the opening day, Monday, September 20th. This is the greatest act that has ever appeared in this country.

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### WINS IN TRIALS FOR ANTWERP OLYMPIC

William Coughlin of Sewanee won senior 440-yard hurdles at Cambridge Friday, time 56 seconds. He was in competition at the Harvard Stadium, Cambridge Mass., for a place on the United States Olympic Team to compete at Antwerp next month.

F. L. Skidmore, another Sewanee man, won third in the junior championship 56-lb weight contest, heaving it 26 feet 9 inches.

Mrs. Ruth de Sabla returned Tuesday from Madison, Tenn., where she had been in a hospital, taking treatment.

### MARION NEWS VIA DUNLAP TRIBUNE

Ben Cairns here from Chattanooga this week having some surveying done on his mother's place preparatory to the sale July 30th.

D. C. Kelley, of Jasper, is doing the surveying.

Herman Farmer, of Whitwell, spent two days here this week with friends and relatives.

Dr. J. L. Janeway, of Whitwell, was shaking hands with friends in our midst the first of week.

L. R. Layne, of Palmer, was here last weekend on a visit to relatives and old Dunlap friends.

Miss Gladys Smith is on a visit to relatives and friends at New Hope and Whitwell.

Mrs. Nancy Waters, who has been visiting relatives here for a few days, returned to her home at South Pittsburg yesterday morning.

W. M. Bellis was here last and this week from Eastland where he has been located the past year; he was at one time bank boss here. He is preparing to relocate in the valley and we hope he may cast his lot with Dunlap again.

### JOLTED HIS CAR WITH REAR WHEEL

H. E. Hudson of Whitwell was here Thursday with the picnicers. To get some of his party back he made second trip to Whitwell and coming back when on the fill near the former Minor place north of here, saw a car approaching him at terrific speed. He pulled off to the side of road, in fact, onto the side of the fill and stopped his engine. The other car was driven right up at him and Mr. Hudson thought was going to run into him, when it was suddenly swerved around him, still at a fast rate of speed. As it passed its rear wheel struck the rear of Mr. Hudson's auto, knocking the fender loose. If it had struck his rear wheel, Mr. Hudson believes it would have turned his car into the ditch, which would have wrecked his car badly and perhaps injured him and his young brother who was with him. The number of the wildly driven auto as near as could be made out was 39321.

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## UNCLE TOM'S LETTER

Editor News:

I was talking to a Methodist preacher the other day and he asked me if I had ever seen a book the Catholic Church has ever published fighting or criticizing other denominations. I said no, and asked him if he had ever seen one. He said no. I told him I didn't believe any such books were ever published. "And further," said I, "all the priests I ever talked to had no word of criticism for anyone." "Now," said I, "there is more unity among Catholics than any other people I ever met, and the Episcopalians come next. The fact is," said I, "it seems some denominations are so dissatisfied with their religion that they delight in fighting Catholicism."

All the renegades and traitors to the Catholic Church delight in telling notorious falsehoods, and the credulous of the other denominations believe what they say and repeat it. I used to think and believe the Catholics were the most cruel persecutors of Christians the world ever saw.

I found out the awful and terrible persecutions laid at the door of the Catholic Church was as false as hell itself. Christianity never persecuted anyone, but I'll tell you what has. Politics. There is nothing good in politics and never was, I don't care what kind of whitewash you give it. Politics killed Christ and destroyed all the Apostles. Politics today is exiling men and women and throwing others into prison, just as it has always done and will continue to do so long as the forces of Caesar rule and have dominion. Politics causes more division and raises more hell on earth than any other thing among men. Politics, pure and clean, is an unknown quantity. A real democracy does not exist and never will so long as partizanism exists. The Church does not lend her aid and influence except for the right. That is the duty of every Christian.

So it is my duty to vote for a righteous man, not an adulterer; nor any one living in adultery, and a rum-soaked being.

God's laws first with me before man-made laws.

I came into contact the other day with a Smart Alex who claimed to be a preacher and he jumped on the Catholic Christians with a vengeance. I asked him if he ever knew of a Catholic brother going to law with a brother. "No," said he, "but—"

"No buts about it," said I. I asked him if he ever knew of a Catholic widow suffering or neglected. "No," said he. "Then," said I, "What is pure and undefiled religion?" He quoted St. James. "Now," said I, "don't they exalt your people along the line of living and doing religion?"

I believe in the Catholic Church and am confident it is the parent church of all. I mean the real church and the only one that can claim apostolic succession from Peter until now, the Episcopalians next and the Methodists third, and all should be one. The Methodists only claim to be a branch of the church. They know their origin. I am Catholic in belief and can't help it, and when I see my brothers of other denominations fighting and gouging I know there is not much love of the Catholic order about them.

UNCLE TOM.

Tracy City, Tenn.

### One On Vance

Jack Chaffe, pronounced like straw, pushed Vance Alexander into a corrier yesterday and crammed him full of boat dope. Vance hung helpless on the ropes while the ex-News Orleans yachter spluttered of baby jibs, sixteen men on a dead man's chest, schooners—not the kind you are thinking of—and cutting the throat of halyards. Vance took the count of nine The Gulf Coast gent slammed him with more chatter about sail expansion, tacking, windward and still more wind.

Vance went down. Stayed there, too.

Once he was with a party who rowed around Centennial lake. That's the latitude and longitude of his yacht knowledge.

He came to after awhile.

"Some day I'll get that bird in the bank and suffocate him with talk," weakly piped Vance.

—Blinkie Horn, Sport Writer, Nashville Tennessean.

### THE ONLY WORKER

Michigan reports the biggest cherry and apple crop in its history. Thank Heaven, the earth still works, even if a goodly proportion of the inhabitants thereof will not.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

A. L. McCullough is fencing his mountain land near the school house, preparatory to converting it into a pasture.

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